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TAGS: PFOR CH TU UN ME UNRWA

SUBJ: UNRWA FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

REF: A) STATE 139487 B) PEKING 1102 C) STATE 189356

1. ON UNDERSTANDING USLO NOT IN POSITION TO APPROACH
PRC ON UNRWA EITHER ALONE OR WITH OTHERS, DC JENKINS
SEPTEMBER 25 ATTENDED AS OBSERVER AT INVITATION TURKISH
AMBASSADOR EREN LUNCHEON GIVEN BY HIM AS CHAIRMAN
LOCAL "WORKING GROUP ON UNRWA FINANCES". ALSO
ATTENDING WERE VICE CHAIRMAN GHANAIAAN AMBASSADOR AND
REPRESENTATIVES FROM LEBANON, JAPAN, FRANCE, UK AND NORWAY.

2. GHANAIAAN REPORTED THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS OF WORKING GROUP
HE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR MFA
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AND TREAT AND LAW IN MID-AUGUST WITH FOLLOW-UP SEPT 15, EXPRESSING ON BEHALF OF GROUP (US NOT INCLUDED) HIS HOPE THAT PRC WOULD CONTRIBUTE THROUGH UNRWA TO PALESTINE REFUGEE NEEDS. RESPONSE WAS THAT PRC HAS LONG CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE, WITH WHICH IT WAS VERY SYMPATHETIC, BUT HAD DONE SO BILATERALLY THROUGH FRIENDLY ARAB GOVERNMENTS, NOT THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION. IT COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THIS TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION. CHINESE DID NOT RESPOND TO CAUTIOUS PRODDING AS TO FORM OF AID, AMOUNTS, OR THROUGH WHICH FRIENDLY ARABAS AID WAS EXTENDED.

3. MOST MEMBERS OF GROUP EXPRESSED VIEW THIS WAS EXPECTED RESPONSE, AND CHINESE UNLIKELY TO BE MORE EXPLICIT. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED ANOTHER GROUP REPRESENTATION BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL, SINCE SPECIFIC ANSWER TO WHETHER CHINESE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO UNRWA WAS NOT FORTHCOMING. CONSENSUS WAS THAT IN CHINA LACK OF CLEAR AND SPECIFIC ANSWER WAS IN FACT A NEGATIVE ANSWER; APPROACH AT HIGHER LEVEL MIGHT SMOKE OUT CATEGORICAL NEGATIVE, BUT CHINESE WOULD BE IRRITATED AT HAVING TO GIVE IT.

4. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT MANDATE OF LOCAL WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, BUT ACTIVE MEMBERS OF GROUP WOULD SOLICIT RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY TO DELIVER NOTES TO PRC ON BILATERAL BASIS SUPPORTING VIEW OF EARLIER ORAL MULTILATERAL APPROACH. MEMBERS RECEIVING SUCH AUTHORITY WOULD CONSULT ON POINTS TO BE COVERED BUT IDENTICAL LANGUAGE WOULD BE AVOIDED.
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